VIEWS OF STATESMEN AND CLERGY ON THE VENEZUELAN DISPUTE.

Messages from Rosebery, Cardinal Vaughan, the Archbishops of Dublin and Liverpool and Others.

PRESS LONDON

ANDREW CARNEGIE WRITES A LET-TER FAVORING ARBITRATION.

Canadians Beginning to Bluster Like the Press of the Mother Land-Views of Mexican Newspapers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-The World tomorrow will say: The World on Sunday sent to those leaders of church and state in Great Britain whose fame is best known in this country, and whose word as to the state of actual British sentiment would carry here the most weight, brief cablegrams, asking for expressions of their feelings as to the existing difficulty between the two countries. Some of the replies follow:

From Lord Rosebery, Edinburg-I can only reply that I absolutely disbelieve in the possibility of war between the United States and Great Britain on such an is-sue as this, as it would be the greatest crime on record. History would have to relate that the two mighty nations of the Anglo-Saxon race, at a time when they appeared to be able to overshadow the world in best interests of Christianity and civflization, preferred to cut each other's throat about a frontier squabble in a small South American republic. The proposition only requires to be stated to dem-onstrate its absurdity. All that is wanted act of the chosen leader of a free and enis a level-head and cool common-sense in our governments. I congratulate you on the good work that your paper appears to be doing in this direction.

bishop of Westminster, London-Our com- treating it with indifference." From Herbert Cardinal Vaughan, Archmon humanity and our Christianity would sternly condemn a fratricidal war. Every Christian patriot on both sides of the Atlantic must employ every effort to avert a curse that would strike us all alike. We are too closely bound to America by blood, respect and affection for her people to tolerate the idea of bloodshed. Let us all remember the words "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called

From Archbishop of Dublin-Wholly un aware of merits of case. Can only express rrence of war in general. It will be deplorable if the wise precedent of 1871 can-

From J. Manchester, Manchester-The possibility of a war with America fills most of us with a feeling of horror. It would be to all intents and purposes a civil war, and could not fail to rouse passions and create enemies which many years would fail to allay. This would be all the more unfortu-nate, because of late years the feeling in ingland for America and Americans has been one of continually increasing and even fraternal interest and admiration. We cannot see what there is in the present dispute to creat such deep irritation as we hear of, and we are sure that if for such a cause war is allowed to arise between brethren bre every legitimate means of conciliation is exhausted, those who precipitate the contest on either side will have committed a crime against civilization. May God avert so great a crime and calamity.

From John E. Redmond, M. P. Dublin-You ask for the expression of opinion on war crisis from me as representative of Irish thought. In this as in all other matters I can speak only as a representative of Irish opinion. If war resulted from reassertion of Monroe doctrine, Irish national senwith nome rule rejected, Ireland can have no feeling of friendliness towards Great Britain.

From E. Berrington, Foreign Office, London-While fully reciprocating your friendly sentiments it is impossible for the Foreign Secretary to take the course you sug-

From the Bishop of Chester-Every generous Christian heart in England and not least in kindly Chester, is wholly with you in your high appeal to the more deliberate judgment of your great and understanding people. God speed you in your patriotic en-

From the Bishop of Liverpool-American excitement very sorrowful and surprising in England. Ne feeling here but peaceful and brotherly. Much prayer going up

From Lord Plunket, Dublin-I am fully asgured that every member of the church of Ireland most earnestly deprecates anything that could imperil peace or cause dis-union between us and our American breth-

From editor Labouchere, of London Truth -So far as I am concerned would prefer Venezuela and Guiana consigned to the bottom of the sea rather than war with the United States. It is thought here that the United States insists on being the arbitra-tist in frontier disputes. If distinctly understood the proposal is that an unbiased arditrator be appointed to delimit the frontier. I am certain public opinion would insist in our government accepting this solution. The most desirable public men in America should explain.

### THE BRITISH PRESS.

London Newspapers Not Yet Done on the Venezuelan Question. LONDON, Dec. 24 .- The discussion of the Venezuelan question continues with un abated vigor in the newspapers. The Times this morning prints columns of correspondence on the subject. Mr. Andrew Carnegie writes to that paper in favor of arbitration, with a price fixed upon such territory as has been settled by the British should their title be found defective. Colonel A. C. than, who recently visited America in connection with an investigation of the Nicaragua canal project and wno has, since his return to England, made various addresses on that subject, writes to the Times offering his testimony that the Monroe doctrine is an abiding sentiment with Amer-

icans and must be counted with The Vienna correspondent of the Times cays that the Neue Friede Presse ridicules the idea that a Russian fleet would assist the United States against England. The Times says in an editorial: "There was a tacit but significant want of confidence in the resolution of Congress not t

adjourn except over Christmas.

The Standard, which is regarded to be the Conservative organ, remarks editorially that although Lord Salisbury declined to respond to the fivitation of the New York World to express his sentiments on the question his refusal was kindly in tone. The Daily News says in an editorial: "The war message already seems a piece of ancient history, and the President has probably lost the effect of the most disinterested labor for the public good on the currency question. Our New York correspondent says that his rashness has threatened the

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United States with bankruptcy, but it is impossible to believe that of a country which, both potentially and actually, is about the

richest in the world."

At a meeting of the executive of the Lonuon Nonconformist Council, Dr. Clifford presiding, it was decided to telegraph a greeting to the Christian churches of America, with sympathy in their efforts to preserve the peace, and the hope that they would be crowned with success, and thus enable England and America to co-operate on behalf of suffering Armenia.

The Chronicle (Liberal), in its leader, considers that if the proposed commission be composed of men like Edward J. Phelps and Andrew D. White and George F. Edmunds, it must command respect, and that some further proposal from Lord Salisbury would become expedient and necessary. "It seems to us," says the Chronicle, "that he might offer to discuss the limits of the application of the Monroe doctrine, and perhaps even to submit the boundary question to arbitra-

The New York correspondent of the Times writes at length of the prospects for tariff and financial legislation by Congress, and argues that normal party lines have largely reappeared, and the Republicans in Congress have largely rescinded their indorsement of the Venezuelan message of the President, He also comments upon the call for peace from the pulpits of the country as indicating the subsidence of the war spirit.

### CANADIANS EXCITED.

Whelps of the British Lion Beginning to Bluster and Roar. MONTREAL, Dec. 23.-Canada is beginning to look a little more seriously at the war question now than at first. The Fiftyninth battalion, composed nearly entirely of Scotchmen, with headquarters in the county of Stermont, and to whom the first defense on the frontier south of Mount Royal would fall, cabled to Lord Salisbury

to-day: "Do not lose any sleep over the defense of our part of the frontier; we'll triple our number of men if war should be The Montreal Star to-day offers to equip a regiment and look after the relatives of its men during the war, if there should be one. It says: "There has been a natural disposition on the part of the people of Can-ada to regard President Cleveland's message to Congress, suggesting war with England, as an incident of political party strife in the United States and devoid of serious incernational significance. To deliberately and without provocation court for this country such a dire calamity as war with the most powerful empire on earth appears more like the outcome of drunken orgy act of the chosen leader of a free and en-lightened nation. But whatever may have been the motive for this action, which has at all, the manner of its reception by the

The Mexican Press.

press and people of the United States for-

CITY OF MEXICO. Dec. 23.-The press ident Cleveland and one journal calls him the champion of all the American people and says the Monroe doctrine now has become a broad principle, affirming the right of all American nations to their own ter-ritory and the menace of absorption has disappeared forever.

El Globo to-night says: "England has the profound antipathy of all American countries by its rapacity its utter lack of magnaminity and its sordid and robber instincts. Cleveland's stern and vigorous words have filled the American people with joy. It is an unexpected revenge upon England and a merited humiliation for her, and she now tastes the contempt she has visited on all other nations. The principle of America for its own inhabitants, watered by the blood of dred thousand Mexicans, in the war against France, has now grown to a full ripeness and is avowed for all mankind in Cleveland's great message.' The press generally here assumes the

Our Sister Republics.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- A dispatch to the World from Colon, Colombia, says: Ad-Admiral Mello, a Rio de Janeiro dispatch reports regards Cleveland's policy as selfish. Dr. Moraes, the President of Brazil, up-holds Cleveland. A Rio newspaper favors a pan-American alliance against the European aggregation, but objects to re-sarding the United States as the greatest

In Colombia the English press preserves dead silence on President Cleveland's message. A native newspaper declares: Britain cannot afford to go to war, as she would lose Canada, with £400,000,000 in Canadian bonds held by English capitalists. Ireland would revolt, the British commerce would be wiped off the seas and every inch of Britian's vast domains would be exposed to great danger through American in-

Nicaragua in Line with Her Sisters. MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 23.-Presitent Cleveland's message to Congress on the Venezuelan question is gratefully inorsed by President Zelaya and by Nicaraguans. The citizens of the United States resident in Nicaragua are delighted with Mr. Cleveland's action, and are preparing to return north in order to join the army of the United States should such a step be necessary.

New Governor of Guiana. LONDON, Dec. 23.-Sir Augustus William Lawson Hemming, K. C. M. G., principal clerk in the colonial office, has been appointed Governor and commander-in-chief of British Guiana, in succession to Sir Charles Cameron Lees, K. C. M. G., recalled when the Venezuelan question began

to assume an acute stage. Salisbury Will Not Hurry. LONDON, Dec. 23 .- Inquiries made to-day in high official quarters have elicited the information that the Marquis of Salisbury is not likely to make an early statement in the Venezuelan question, but the government is manifesting every disposition to treat the question with calmness and mod-

BILLY MURPHY BESTED.

Fight Awarded to Solly Smith in the Fourteenth Round.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23 .- Billy Murphy, of Australia, and Solly Smith, of Los Angeles, Cal., fought to-night in the arena of the Olympic Club. The men were well trained and fought fourteen savage, scientific rounds. Murphy was the cleverer, but he lacked the physique necessary to with-stand Smith's rushes and clinches. In the first round Murphy was knocked down, and in the second round Smith was forced to the ground. In all of the fourteen rounds fought Smith had much the best of the milling, and in the fourteenth the Australian featherweight was knocked down several times, but seeing that Murphy was beaten, referee John Duffy separated the men and awarded the fight to Smith. Just before Murphy and Smith entered the ring to fight, Mr. D. C. O'Malley suggested to referee Duffy that he would start a subscription for Andy Bowen's mother, and \$336 was raised in a few minutes for the dead pugilist's mother.

Business Troubles. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 23.-The failure of Whittle, Hanrahan & Co., dyers and bleachers in this city and East Greenwich, is the heaviest in manufacturing circles in this State for many years. Among those interested in the failure are the Blackstone National, Rhode Island National and Commercial National banks, of this city, and Walter F. Angell, the assignee. Wheelright, Eldridge & Co., J. H. Lane & Co. and Burn-helmer & Co., of New York, did considerable business with the concern. The assets amount to \$276,825, and liabilities \$315,000. The cause of failure cannot be accurately stated at present.

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 23.—J. J. Cushman, wholesale grocer and liquor dealer, assigned to-day. Liabilities, \$65,000; assets, the same. FARMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 23 .- The Bank of Farmington, a private concern, failed to-day. Assets and liabilities about \$20,000

Patent-Law Decision. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.-A case involving several points of interest in patent law was decided by Judge Adams to-day in the United States Circuit Court. The style of the case was the Columbia Wire Company vs. Freeman Wire Company et al. The Columbia company applied for a preinjunction against the Freeman company for making or using certain machines intended for the manufacture of barbed wire. The injunction was granted on the grounds of prima facle evidence of infringements of plaintiff's patents.

Nurses Ill with Scarlet Fever. NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- Fifteen inmates of the Bellevue Hospital School for Nurses are at Willard Parker Hospital suffering from scarlet fever. The Board of Health has thoroughly fumigated the building, which is on the grounds of Bellevue Hospital.

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PHILADELPHIA STREET CARS WILL BEGIN RUNNING AGAIN TO-DAY.

John Wanamaker Acts as Mediator Between Men and Employers and Effects a Settlement.

CONCESSIONS ON BOTH SIDES

Work Fast as Possible-Three Rioters Shot by the Police.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.-The great trolley strike is ended. This is final. John Wanamaker is the man who brought about the settlement, succeeding where all others failed. He was aided in the work by members of the Christian League. The basis of settlement follows:

First, while the Union Traction Company will only treat with the workmen in its employ, it will allow them membership in any lawful organization. Second-It will take up all grievances and give them full and fair consideration. Third-It will, so far as it has vacant places, immediately put on the old men, and as fast as vacancies arise will give preference to any of the old men yet unployed, and endeavor to arrange the trips of the cars to favor the old men as far as possible without violating its contracts with the new men.

The question of compensation and of hours are left for future determination. Concessions were made by both sides. The battle has mainly been fought on the quesof the employes' membership the Amalgamated Association of such stupendous significance for us or none | Street-car Employes, which the company persistently recognize. The new men engaged since the strike began number nearly one thousand. There were about 5,000 strikers. They will report for work to-morrow morning. Mr. Wanamaker submitted the ideas embraced in the settlement to the strikers. They accepted them and in turn submitted . them to the company. Considerable correspondence and many conferences followed and late this afternoon announcement was made that both sides had agreed to the terms. To properly round out the matter, a mass meeting of the strikers was held tonight for the purpose of ratification. Here the strike was officially declared off, all the leaders were called on for speeches and there was a veritable love fast. In consequence of to-day's violence it was thought advisable to delay the resumption of railway traffic until to-morrow morning.

Thus ends what has probably been the most remarkable strike in the United States. It lasted exactly one week and it cost the city, the company and the strikers thousands of dollars. The loss in fares alone to the company is estimated at \$350,000. Apart from the destruction of cars and other property, there has been considerable bloodshed, although fortunately no fatal results. The business men of the city bave been the heaviest sufferers. The strike coming in the midst of the holidays. brought unparalleled disaster to shop keepers and much hardship of a financial nature is anticipated. The peculiar feature of the strike has been the fact that the public and the strikers have been almost as one-the first because of the indignation resulting from the recent abolition of free transfers and consequent increase of fares. was undoubtedly this universal sympathy for the strikers that encouraged the noodlum element to commit violence.

MR. WANAMAKER TELLS ABOUT IT. Mr. Wanamaker told a reporter how he had consummated the settlement. Said he: "The traction people were determined to treat with the men only as employes and not through any intermediaries. I conferred with Mr. Dolan and had much talk with the men, helping them to form a judgment as to what was involved and what they might expect under the circumstances. I found them moderate in tone. patient and willing to be advised. On Saturday they came to me again, when they presented the propositions and the executive committee asked me to use my good offices in their behalf. With two of their representatives I formulated the ideas embraced in the proposed settlement of the strike, so that they were prepared for the propositions received to-day from General Manager Beetem. Late this afternoon I was sent for from their headquarters. where, after going over Mr. Beetem's letter and seeing that it was fully understood, I advised its acceptance and ratifi-cation by a full meeting of the men later,

which, upon their invitation, I agreed to A rumor was current that a syndicate had been formed to buy out the Weish interest in the Traction company and make Mr. Wanamaker president. To this he said: "There is as much truth in that as in the report that I intend to build a bridge over the Delaware from Philadelphia to Camden. The suggestion has never been mentioned in my presence."

Thomas Dolan expressed unfeigned joy at the news. "It's just in time," he said.
"I've been out of town all day, but from the reports of to-day's violence, I think it would have been necessary to call out the militia to-morrow.

To-day was certainly the most violent since the struggle began, and for the first time the police shot to kill. About 10 o'clock this morning a tremendous crowd gathered at Eighteenth street and Girard avenue, and as the cars passed, each with several policemen aboard, the stones began to fly. A dozen or more cars had been completely wrecked when the policemen opened fire. They first fired into the air, but as the situation became more threatening, one of them fired his revolver into the crowd. William H. Matthews, striking motorman, fell with a bullet in his head, and Samuel G. Crossley, a striking conductor, was shot in the knee. Both are in a serious condition at a hospital. James Hartnem was shot in the arm and slightly injured. A number of arrests were made. Other riots, of more or less violence, occurred in almost every section of the city. In one of these H. F. Graham, of No. 1586 Broadway, Brooklyn, who admitted that he was an organizer for the Knights of Labor, was arrested. He came here to work on a car, but soon became a sympathizer and has been very boisterous in egging mobs on Before final settlement was effected counsel for the strikers filed an application in court asking for the appointment of hoard of arbitration under the act of 1893.

Debs Is Too Late. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 23 .- President E. V. Debs, of the American Railway Union, left for Philadelphia this afternoon to assist the street-railway strikers there. A telegram received from the strikers yesterday urgently requested him

This will probably be withdrawn.

A PACIFIC OCEAN MYSTERY. Fate of the Steamship Strathnevis and 190 People Still Unknown. PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 23 .-The fate of the Oriental steamship Strathsince she was last spoken, and was then Flattery, under two small leg-o'mutton Since then two of the wildest and severest storms of the season have been experienced in the north Pacific. The British flagship Royal Arthur, with her powerful seachlight covering a distance of fifteen miles on either side, put in a week cruising along the porthern coast without discovering any sign of the lost steamer. The only other prosecuting the search is the

Alaska. In that event the sufferings and fatalities of the sealing schooner, George B. White, which went ashore on Flood island last April, when thirteen of her crew froze to death in the snow, will doubtless be repeated. The continued absence of the Danube is the only hope held out for the safety of the passengers and crew of the Strathnevis. It is argued that if the vessel has gone ashore off the Alaska coast some word would have been received

Fifteen Lives Lost. NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- A dispatch re ceived to-day from Curacoa states that the steamship Nanzmond, Captain Laksy, from Curacoa, for Maricaibo, was in collision, probably on Dec. 17, with the Spanish steamship Mexico, near the island of Aruba. The Nanzmond sank and is a total loss. Captain Laksy and fourteen persons were drowned. Twenty-five lives were

STRIKERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO

JOIN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS,

Were drowned. Twenty-nve lives were saved by the tug Augusta.

The Mexico, Captain Curel, sailed from New York on Nov. 30, and Havana on Dec. 11, and was bound from Porto Cabello for Carthagena when the collision occurred. The Nanzmond was a screw steamship of 228 tons and was built at Baltimore in 1887.

At the office of J. M. Ceballos & Co., the agents of the steamship Mexico, it was stated that nothing was known as to the stated that nothing was known as to the damage received by their ship.

Monster Lake Steamer. CLEVELAND, Dec. 23 .- The steel steamer W. D. Rees, building for the Wilson Transit Company, was successfully launched at the yard of the Cleveland Ship Building Company to-day. The Rees, which is up to date the largest vessel ever launched at a local yard, will be com-pleted and ready for business at the open-ing of navigation next spring. The boat is 413 feet long over all, forty-five feet beam and twenty-eight feet deep.

La Gascogne at Havre. HAVRE, Dec. 23.—Arrived: La Gascogne, from New York.

WILL WASTE NO TIME

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE TO BE-GIN WORK IMMEDIATELY.

Appropriation and Other Bills to Be Introduced as Soon as Possible-The Cuban Question.

of the House, since they are to be deprived of their holiday recess, have determined to proceed with the work of the session andwhile ways and means is engaged in the preparation of a revenue bill. Their object is to make this a short session and bring about the final adjournment as early in the summer as practicable. Chairman Cannon, of the appropriations committee, will get that body at once on the first of the appropriation bills and hopes to make a good | Handbury at St. Augustine, Fla. record for finishing business within a reasonable time. Chairman Hitt, of foreign affairs, which seems likely to be the most important House committee of this Congress next to the two mentioned above, says for an early day. There are sev eral international questions that the committee will soon have to deal with and of them are so conspicuous in interest that its action will prove of great importance. Foremost among these is the movement by the Cuban insurgents and their American supporters to secure recog-nition of their status as belligerents. Even if it was disposed to postpone this delicate question, and no such disposition is mani-fest, it would be difficult to ignore it for several reasons and a great number of petitions have already been referred to the committee. Chairman Hitt says that this will be one of the first matters to be taken up. There is talk, which has not crystallized into any definite movement, that the most feasible plan of dealing with the question would be to appoint a delegation to investigate and report on the standing of the revolutionists. In addition to Cubi and Venezuela the Waller case and the alleged attempt of Great Britain to advance its Alaskan boundary will have to be con sidered because resolutions calling for information have been introduced, and some of these are privileged resolutions which call for consideration within seven days under the rules.

THE COFFIN CASE.

Solicitor-General Moves to Advance It in the Supreme Court. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- The Solicitorgeneral to-day entered a motion in the United States Supreme Court to advance the case of Francis A. Coffin, convicted of aiding in the wrecking of the Indianapolis National Bank, which comes to the Su preme Court on an application for a writ

A motion to advance the hearing of the Nebraska freight-rate cases was granted by the court, and the first Monday in March fixed for argument. The court adjorned to-day until Jan. 6 Justice Harlan delivered the opinion of the court in the case of the United States against William P. Sayward, appealed from the Circuit Court of Washington, involving the question of jurisdiction by United States Circuit Courts in cases involving less than \$2,000. The court held that under existing statutes the courts have jurisdic tion without regard to the amount involved where the United States is plaintiff.
In the case of George S. Moore against the United States, coming to the Supreme Court from the District Court for the Southern district of Alabama, the court held that indictments against em of the government for embezzlement should specify that the property taken came into and that it should also identify the property taken. Opinion by Justice Brown.

The court denied the petition of the Sanford Fork and Tool Company, of Terre Haute, petitioners for a writ of mandamus.

Opinion by Justice Gray.

NEW MEASURES.

Bills and Resolutions Introduced the House. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- Among the bills

and resolutions introduced in the House today were the following: By Mr. Danforth, of Ohio-To levy and collect duties on wool and cotton. It re-enacts the McKinley law in this respect. By Mr. Johnson, of California-For the protection of agricultural staples and American ships in the foreign trade by authorizing the payment of bounties on exports of agricultural products, an additional bounty being allowed if the products are exported in American vessels.

By Mr. Brewster, of New York—To relieve the United States transmissions. the United States treasury and to familiarize the people of this country with the advantage of a silver coinage. The bill provides that no gold nor paper currency of less denomination than \$10 shall be issued. By Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania-To indem nify the State of Pennsylvania for money expended to equip the militia under the proc-lamation of the President of June 15, 1863. By Mr. Jenkins, of Wisconsin-To provide for the adjudication of the claim of the Fond Du Lac band of Chippewa Indians arising from the failure of certain treaty stipulations. By Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania-Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to contract for projectiles to cost not exthe navy for auxiliary cruisers which may be fitted out in time of war.

BATTLE SHIPS 5 AND 6. Bureau Chiefs Want the Newport

News Bids Accepted. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- The Board of Naval Bureau Chiefs, after carefully considering for several weeks the bids submitted for building battle ships Nos. 5 and 6. BABIES acceptance of the bid of the Newport News Dry-dock and Ship-building Company, of Virginia, to construct both ships on the plans of the Navy Department for \$2,250,000 nevis and 190 people aboard still remains for each. In the event, however, that the a mystery. It has been thirty-four days Union iron works, of San Francisco, the next lowest bidder, at \$2,740,000, shall scale about eight hundred miles west of Cape down its bid so as to leave only a reasonable difference between its figures and the sails, slowly making her way eastward. \$2,350,000 asked by the Newport News comeach of these companies be awarded the contract for building one vessel. The Secretary still has before him the alternative proposition to ask Congress for authority to accept the bids to build six ships of the Kearsarge class, two to go to the Newport News company, two to the Union iron works and two to the Cramps, on condition that all the bidders shall meet the figures Danube, of Victoria. The general opinion set by the Newport News company in their among mariners is that the Strathnevis bid, namely, \$2,250,000 for each ship. The has gone ashore on the southeast coast of Secretary has taken the bureau chiefs' re-

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-A number of changes in the situation and duties of the army engineer officers have been made by Secretary Lamont. Colonel Charles R. Suter, a member of the Mississippi-river commission, is made division engineer of the Pacific division, with headquarters at San Francisco, in place of Colonel Mendell, recently retired. He will be succeeded at St. Louis by Lieutenant Colonel Amos Stickney, also a member of the Mississippi-WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Republicans | river commission, and now in special charge of the works at Cincinnati and vi-Major William H. charge of the river and harbor works at Humboldt bay and near Sacramento, has been transferred to Cincinnati as the re-C. E. L. B. Davis, now on duty in Washington, D. C., succeeds to the duties va-cated by Major Heuber. Major Thomas H. Haldbury, in charge of the works in Florda, will take station at St. Louis, as the relief of Major Charles J. Allen, now stationed at St. Louis, who succeeds Major Davis at Washington, D. C. Colonel W. H. H. Benyuard, now at San Francisco, is ordered to relieve Major

The Ram Katahdin. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- Senator Hale, of Maine, has introduced a joint resolution which directs the Secretary of the Navy to accept the ram Katahdin and make her a part of the United States navy, which, if it should become a law, would overrule all objections that have been made to the ram. Senator Hale said to-day that he was confident the resolution would receive the sanction of Congress. The President, he said, admitted that his objection was only technical, and had said that the vessel was a better one than had been expected, and that he wanted it added to the navy. The Secretary of the Navy will probably send a communication to Congress recommend-ing the acceptance of the vessel, and reciting the facts in connection therewith.

Decision Against Uncle Sam. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-Chief Justice Bingham, of the District Supreme Court, to-day rendered a very important decision in the case of the city of Las Vegas (N. M.) against the Secretary of the Interior, hold-ing that 496,446 acres of land, valued at about \$4,000,000, mostly occupied by the city, legally belongs to it, and cannot, therefore, be made part of the public lands of the United States. The decision of Chief Justice Bingham to-day held that the effect of the act of Congress of 1860 was to divest the United States of the title to the land and to invest it in the claimants under the grant from Mexico. Assistant Attorney-general Brent gave notice of an appeal to the Court of Appeals on behalf of the government.

Reserve Agents of Banks.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- The Controller reserve agencies: Hanover Bank of New York and the National Bank of Illinois, of Chicago, as reserve agents of the Union National Bank of Muncie; Fourth National Bank, of st. Louis, reserve agent for the First National Bank of Princeton; American Ex-change National Bank, of Chicago, reserve agent for the Citizens' National Bank of South Bend; Detroit National Bank, Detroit, reserve agent for the First Na-tional Bank of South Bend.

General Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- Indiana postmasters were appointed as follows: At Edwardsville, Floyd county, L. S. Brown, vice J. G. Routh, resigned; at Saline City, Clay county, E. G. O'Brien, vice R. J. Horton, re-The Democratic steering committee of the Senate has decided to assign Senator Walt-hall, of Mississippi, to the Democratic va-

cancy on the finance committee, and Senator Daniel, of Virginia, to the vacancy on the judiciary committee. Pittsburg's Street-Railway Combine. PITTSBURG, Dec. 23 .- The proposed consolidation of the street-railroad companies of this city was effected to-day when meetings of the Pittsburg, the Duquesne and

the Central Traction companies were held and it was decided by a large majority vote of the stockholders of the three com-panies named to enter the combine. The stockholders of the Pittsburg & Manchester company will meet on Dec. 30 to consider a proposition to enter the combination, but it is said they will vote in the negative. The lines now in are the Citizens', the Fort Pitt, the Duquesne, the Pittsburg and the Central, and their united capital stock is estimated at \$10,400,000 with \$4,500,000 bonds. Five lines—the Birmingham, the Secondavenue, the West End, the Pleasant Vallev and the Manchester-are stil outside the combination. The syndicate is composed of Philadelphia, Chicago and Pittsburg capitalists. It is said the consolidated roads will be capitalized at \$20,000,000.

Lynchers Thwarted. GLASGOW, Ky., Dec. 23.-A desperate but utile attempt was made to-day to lynch Booker Steinberger, charged with killing his cousin, Anna Belle Steinberger, whom he had ruined. The mob had planned to attack the jail to-night, and, the sheriff being unarmed, rushed the prisoner to the depot in a closed carriage. The mob learned of the transfer a few minutes later and stormed the train, but the engineer pulled out and Steinberger was landed safely in Bowling Green.

Washington Clerk Assaulted. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Millard F. Holland, a clerk in the Interior Department, was assaulted at his home here to-day by Albert Corbett, a colored laborer, and seriously and perhaps fatally injured. Cor-bett threw a spade at Holland and the sharp edge of it struck him in the fore-

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head, cutting a long gash and rendering him unconscious. Late to-night he was still in the same condition. The assault grew out of a difficulty between them concerning a load of fertilizer which the negro had brought for Holland's front yard. The injured man is about forty-five years of age and is of a quiet dispositi

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CUBANS NOT DEFEATED. Over 300 Spaniards Killed in the Mal-

tiempo Engagement. TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 23 .- A special courier from General Maceo's command arrived here last night. He reports the Cuban army as marching towards Matanzas in three crete and Suarez, with 2,000 men; another in the north, under Maceo, with 3,000 men. The center column, under General Gomez, has 6,000 men. Each column has two field pieces of modern artillery. The extreme venguard, 1,000 men, is commanded by Brigadier Francisco Perez, and the rear guard of 1,000 men is under Quintin Bandera. In General Gomez's first engagement, at Malti-empo, with Colonel Arigona, detached ex-pressly to detain the former's march, the Spanish loss was 340 dead. Up to the time the steamer left Havana nothing had been heard of the two companies of the battalion of Canariss. It is supposed they fell into the insurgents' hands. Manacias was occupied for three days by the insurgents, who, upon leaving, destroyed the town. General Maceo was at Lajas when the latest reports concerning him had been received. When the steamer left Havana, last Saturday at noon, a fierce battle was reported as raging in the vicinity of Matanzas. To-night the Cubans are giving a big ball, the proceeds to be for the benefit of wounded Cubans.

Mirabel Is Dead.

HAVANA, Dec. 23.-Dispatches have been received here confirming the announcement that the famous Cuban insurgent leader, Mirabel, has been killed. It appears that he led the attack on the village of Vueltas, which was held by a few Spanish soldiers. A column of troops, commanded by Major Tomas, was sent to assist the Spanish garrison, and in the engagement which followed the insurgents lost heavily, and Mirabel was wounded. He died subsequently in the insurgent hospital at Sierre Cita.

Obituary. DENVER, Col., Dec. 23.—W. B. Quint general Western land agent for the Missour Pacific, with headquarters in this city, died this morning of heart failure, superinduced by erysipelas. He was well known in Western railroad circles, having formerly lived in St. Louis and Chicago.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 23 .- This morn. ing, at her residence, seven miles from this city, Mrs. W. H. McGaveck died, aged sixtythree. She was and had been for years sec-retary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church

WAUKESHA, Wis., Dec. 23.-Daniel Newhall, a pioneer of Milwaukee, who built the hotel bearing his name, which burned, together with ninety-eight persons, in 1883, died at his home in Waukesha. LONDON, Dec. 23.—George Goldolphin Osborne, ninth Duke of Leeds, is dead, aged fifty-eight years.

A Banker's Sentence. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.-Charles Raymond, ex-president, and Edward M. Raymond, ex-cashier of the Middletown bank, who were found guilty of misapplying the funds of the bank, were this aftering the funds of the bank, were this after-noon sentenced by Judge Butler in the United States District Court to seven years and five months in jail. E. M. Raymond had also been found guilty of making false re-ports to the Controller of the Currency, but he was not sentenced for this, it being considered that the offense was in connection

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